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Message to the Force #20

SUBJECT: Key Personnel Moves

1. This summer, current Alaska National Guard Senior Enlisted Leader Command Chief Master Sergeant (CCMSgt) Paul Nelson will retire after an illustrious career of over 33 years. After a rigorous interview, vetting, and selection process, he was selected as the Deputy Director for the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management. While he will be missed in the Alaska National Guard we are proud that he will still be a part of the DMVA team. The process to select a new senior enlisted leader is currently on-going.

2. Also retiring this summer will be current Director of Joint Staff Brigadier General Blake Gettys after 30 years of exemplary service to his country. Brigadier General Karen Mansfield will assume the role of Director of the Joint Staff later this summer after her change of command with Colonel Saxe. I am extremely confident in the abilities of Brig Gen Mansfield to provide outstanding leadership to the Alaska National Guard Joint Staff and continue to keep our seats at the table for all Arctic, Homeland Security, and Emergency Response initiatives.

3. While it is always sad to see people depart the organization, we have developed a deep and robust bench with our next generation of leaders. Change is inevitable and keeps us moving forward. I encourage you to find CCMSgt Nelson, Brig Gen Gettys, and Brig Gen Mansfield and thank them for all they have done and will do for our team.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Laurel J. Hummel".

LAUREL J. HUMMEL
Major General, AKNG
The Adjutant General